(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. State Governments/UT Administrations are implementing Social Security Schemes for the senior citizens. Old Age Pension Scheme and Annapoorna Scheme are the main components of the programme for destitute old. Under the Annapoorna Scheme, only those senior citizens are covered who are not receiving old age pension.

(c) to (e) As the existing coverage is satisfactory, there is no proposal to frame a law.

Schemes for backward classes

2123. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes introduced by Government for Welfare of the backward classes and weaker section of the society;

(b) the details of the financial assistance granted to the States, State-wise,

(c) whether Government have evaluated the above scheme; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The details regarding schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes are available in the Annual Report as well as on the website of the Ministry.

(b) Details of financial assistance released under the schemes meant for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes to States/UTs during the current financial year is annexed (Statement-I & II) (*See* below).

(c) No evaluation of the schemes has been undertaken by the Ministry during current financial year.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Details of Schemes meant for Backward Classes

(Rs. in lakhs) Releases made in 2004-05

State & UT	SCA to SCP	Post Matric Scholarship	PCR to Atrocities	Construc-tion of Hostels for SC Boys	Construc-tion of Hostels for SC girls	SCDC	Pre-Matric Scholar-ship	Assist-ance to Vol Org	Upgrada-tion of merit
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Andhra Pradesh	1966.9	8034.74	615.75	0	0	974.19	275.34	427.4	44.4
Assam	403.42	228.28	0	0	0	0	4.21	41.04	0
Bihar	0	1000.00	0	0	0	0	nil	80.56	0
Chhattisgarh	339.05	1567.79	71 74	171.6	26.3	480.39	8 45	0	0
Goa	0	1.93	1	0	0	0	0.32	0	0
Gujarat	705.82	412.11	357.79	0	0	0	103.67	51.54	0
Haryana	0	301.66	14.84	0	0	19.24	nil	7.75	0
Himachal Pradesh	587.47	3.55	0	0	0	204.65	nil	2 72	0
Jammu & Kashmir	495.08	28.80	0	0	0	139.21	nil	0	0
Jharkhand	0	84.31	0	103 75	0	0	nil	0	0
Karnataka	1817.76	2699.58	458 5	447.68	150 15	393 92	nil	300.73	0
Kerala	0	800.97	30.39	24	128 21	96 08	nil	7.72	3
Madhya Pradesh	1601.26	1366.60	314.96	0	0	0	126.56	158 82	58.8
Maharashtra	2924.36	4220.47	343.49	0	0	0	47.32	256 27	0
Manipur	3.82	84.13	0	0	0	nil	30.	76	0
Meghalaya	0	4.67	0	0	0	0	nil	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Orissa	345.7	nil	18.18	0	0	0	nil	53.31	0
Punjab	0	nil	57.5	0	0	0	5.55	3.67	0
Rajasthan	1183	750.9	200	0	0	0	63.88	245.16	0
Sikkim	15.44	No Due	1.5	0	0	0	nil	0	3
Tamil Nadu	1881.88	2291.78	218.34	1275.75	0	0	27.31	1.8	
Tripura	113.12	195.84	0	0	0	9.6	5.99	5.95	3
Uttar Pradesh	9737.98	4957.16	610.7	0	0	0	88.32	276.87	41.71
Uttaranchal	476.08	302.25	22	54.31	0	192.15	nil	26.46	0
West Bengal	4672.27	649.74	0	0	0	0	2.05	244.28	0
Daman & Diu	0	0.89	0		0	0	nil	0	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	Nil	30		0	0	nil	0	
Delhi		6.65	0	0	0	0	nil	163.2	
Pondicherry	3.13	43.35	28.62	0	50	0	5	0	
TOTAL:	29273.54	30038.15	3395.3	2077.09	354.66	2509.4	763.97	2386.01	153.91

Statement-II

Details of funds released for Schemes relating to Backward Classes

(Rs. in Lakhs)

States/UTs	Pre-matric Scholarship for OBC Students	Post-matric Scholarship for OBC Students	Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls	Assistance to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of OBCs
Andhra Pradesh	673.37	299.02	330.00	25.31
Assam	0	100.02	0	10.95
Bihar	0	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	102.00	0	132.67	1.23
Goa	0	5.96	0	0
Gujarat	335.30	365.25	138.00	0
Haryana	0	0	0	3.59
Himachal Pradesh	0	16.28	42.00	0
Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	2.02
Jharkhand	0	0	96.57	0
Karnataka	0	248.45	0	9.56
Kerala	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	0	0	91.50	20.88
Maharashtra	0	13.76	0	95.84
Manipur	75.00	108.51	0	48.11
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0
Orissa	0	0	0	3.56
Punjab	0	109.53	0	0
Rajasthan	0	0	0	68.55
Sikkim	0	6.55	0	0
Tamil Nadu	242.55	266.63	157.50	0
Tripura	120.67	94.51	26.86	0
Uttar Pradesh	325.18	625.88	210.89	45.59
Uttaranchal	1.60	62.31	0	5.82
West Bengal	0	0	0	9.11
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0
Delhi	0	0	0	47.82
Pondicherry	0	10.00	50.0	0
TOTAL:	1875.67	2332.68	1276.00	397.94